IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA SAVANNAH DIVISION

JESSICA HODGES, As natural quardian of minor children, L.C. and D.C.; ESTATE OF LEE MICHAEL CREELY, By and through Warren Ratchford, its Administrator, Plaintiffs, CASE NO. CV422-067 v. CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA; CORRECTHEALTH CHATHAM LLC; CORRECTHEALTH, LLC; CARLO MUSSO) M.D.; KAREN FORCHETTE; ALFRED NEVELS; SELENA CARDONA; TEANNA FRANCES-HENDERSON; TERENCE JACKSON; DON WHITE; KARLOS MANNING; YVETTE BETHEL-QUINNEY;) LOWRETTA FLORENCE; AMBER ANDERSON; JACKIE HARNED; SUSAN RIVERA; AND LOUIKISHA ROBERTS; Defendants.

ORDER

Before the Court is Plaintiffs Jessica Hodges and Warren Ratchford's Amended Stipulation to Dismiss Loukisha Roberts. (Doc. 57.) Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), a plaintiff may dismiss an action by filing "a stipulation of dismissal signed by all parties who have appeared." "Rule 41(a)(1) is [also] a proper mechanism to dismiss less than all the parties to a controversy." <u>Jackson v. Equifax Info. Servs., LLC</u>, No. CV 119-096, 2020 WL 476698, at *1 (S.D. Ga. Jan. 29, 2020). Because

the stipulation is signed by all the parties who have appeared, Plaintiffs' request (Doc. 57) is GRANTED. A dismissal is without prejudice unless a notice or stipulation states otherwise. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(B). Here, the parties have not specified whether the dismissal is with or without prejudice. (Doc. 57 at 1.) Defendant Roberts is therefore DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED amend the case caption to remove Defendant Roberts as a defendant in this case. 1

SO ORDERED this /4th day of November 2022.

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¹ Plaintiffs' first Stipulation to Dismiss Loukisha Roberts (Doc. 56) is DISMISSED AS MOOT.